

Course Package

Biorobotics - 1B

Name module	Biorobotics - 1B
Educational programme	MSc Biomedical Engineering
Period	Second block of the first semester (block 1B)
Study load	15 ECTS
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Biorobotics			
block 1A	block 1B	block 2A	block 2B
	Robotics for Medical Applications 201300004 (5 EC)		
	Medical Certification & Human Factors 202200070 (5 EC)		
	Control System Design for Robotics 202200104 (5 EC)		

Required preliminary knowledge: Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering; Industrial Design & Engineering; or Mechanical Engineering; knowledge of Dynamics and Control (Master's level course within Mechanical Engineering) or a comparable course; basic knowledge of Linear Algebra; familiarity with MATLAB; Mechanics; Multi-body Kinematics and Dynamics; General Physics; General Mathematics; Principles of Signal Processing; Master's level course within Mechanical Engineering or a comparable course; experience with a Design Methodology at BSc level; basic knowledge on Differential Equations; Classical Dynamical Mechanical Modelling; Linear Systems; Laplace and Fourier transforms; and PID Control.

201300004 - Robotics for Medical Applications

This is a Master's Level course offered to Biomedical, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering, and System & Control students. This course provides an introduction to robotics with emphasis on the mathematical tools for describing the kinematics and control of robotic manipulators. In addition, selected topics concerning modeling of soft biological tissues and haptics, are also discussed. In minimally invasive surgery, instruments should be manipulated and navigated remotely. Principles from robotics are used to describe this manipulation and navigation mathematically. The result of the operation should be observed and fed back to a surgeon. Although often the image of a video camera is sufficient, sometimes tactile information is needed about the mechanical properties of the tissue. There are haptic interfaces developed, which gives the surgeon 'the feeling' of the tissue remotely'. The technical background required for this, is being handled and applied in a lab/practical assignments.

202200070 - Medical Certification & Human Factors

Designing medical devices requires specific attention to ensure that these products can be used safely by the users (medical professionals) on the patients. To this end, the Medical Device Regulation is applicable, which is European Union legislation that is enforced at national level. The MDR is intended for medical devices, which are defined and categorized into classes. Depending on the class stricter rules apply. To help manufacturers and hospitals to comply

with the MDR, ISO norms are available as well as forms and independent committees that weigh the benefits and risks. In this course, students will familiarize with the topic of medical regulation by working in teams of three on an actual medical prototype. Each week a different aspect of the MDR is addressed in a lecture and a follow up assignment related to the prototype. This way students learn to interpret and implement the MDR. Important aspects include classification, intended use, misuse, risk analysis (mechanical/electrical – wear, breakage, electric shocks; biologic – toxicity, contamination, human factors), design for safety and usability to minimize risks of the medical device, proper documentation, pre-clinical and clinical testing, quality control during manufacturing and post-market surveillance. Students peer review the assignments of others and during tutorial the assignments are discussed. Based upon the feedback from peers and lectures the assignments are improved and submitted in a final report. Also, each student team is expected to present their overall work with a self-chosen focus point.

202200104 - Control System Design for Robotics

Short description of course content:

- Linearization and state-space models, transfer function and frequency response, feedback and feed-forward, decoupling, loop gain and sensitivities, characteristic polynomial and internal stability, Bode and Nyquist stability criteria, stability margins, loop-shaping, mixed-sensitivity synthesis, waterbed effect and bandwidth limitations.
- Reachability and observability of a state-space model, pole placement, linear-quadratic regulator, Kalman filter, separation principle and observer-based controller synthesis.
- Lyapunov stability theory, LaSalle's invariance principle, passivity and small-gain theorems, inverse dynamics compensation, feedback linearization, computed torque control, control in joint space and operation space.
- Sampling and discretization, sampling rate selection, computer implementation and simulation.
- Legal aspects of autonomous robots (for MSc Robotics students)